Fact Sheet

Title

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility

Description of proposal, and connected actions

Construction and operation of a 660-megawatt, combined-cycle, combustion turbine electrical generating facility and associated components in Sumas, Washington. The project also includes (1) installation of a new natural gas pipeline from the Canadian border to the plant site, (2) a 230-kV electrical transmission line extending north from the plant site to the U.S./Canadian border, then to BC Hydro's Clayburn Station, (3) a process/potable water pipeline provided by the City of Sumas (water system) to the plant site, with associated upgrades to the water system, and (4) a wastewater discharge pipeline from the plant site provided by the City of Sumas (wastewater collection system) at the plant boundary, with associated upgrades to the wastewater collection system.

Alternative onsite configurations have been examined over time including cooling technology, turbine type, water supply sources, and facility arrangement onsite. Alternative sites were also considered.

This SEIS is being prepared in response to changes proposed in the project since issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on February 7, 2001. Changes are contained in a Second Revised Application for Site Certification filed with EFSEC on June 29, 2001. Specific issues associated with those changes were selected for discussion in this document. They are summarized in Chapter 1 of the DSEIS.

Location of site

The electrical generation component of the project would occupy a portion of a 37-acre site within the industrial area of Sumas, Washington, just north of the Sumas Cogeneration Company LP No. 1 Generation Facility. The electrical transmission line for the project extends off the site to the U.S./Canada border and into Canada.

Proposal's sponsor

The project is proposed by Sumas Energy 2, Inc. of Kirkland, Washington.

Date of implementation

Assuming all permits and approvals are obtained, the proposed Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility would begin operation 2004. Construction would begin in 2002.

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List of possible permits, approvals, and licenses

The table in Chapter 1 entitled "Overview of Permit, Approval, and Consultation Requirements for the S2GF Project" presents a list of federal, state and local permits and licenses required for the proposed action and alternatives, and the agency or department that administers them.

The EFSEC site certification agreement would provide construction and operational requirements and all other relevant state permits and approvals. No other state or local permit is required. For convenience, the table referenced above lists the major state and local permit requirements preempted by EFSEC.

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A list of contributors is included in the DSEIS.

Draft SEIS issue date

September 18, 2001

Date comments are due

October 19, 2001

Draft SEIS public hearings date and location

Contested case hearings are scheduled for the week of October 29, 2001, and the week of November 13, 2001.

Planned date of Final Action is first quarter 2002. EFSEC will deliberate the facts, testimonies and SEIS contents in January and/or February 2002. A recommendation is expected to be sent to the governor in February 2002. The governor has 60 days to accept or reject the recommendation or to remand the recommendation to the Council for further investigation.

Subsequent environmental review

A PSD Permit for this project will include hearings in October 2001 and Council deliberation in January/February 2002.

Location of background information

Background material for this DSEIS, including the Threshold Decision and Environmental Analysis, FEIS, and supporting data submitted by the proponent, is available at the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, 925 Plum St. SE, Building 4, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. Some of this information is available on the EFSEC web page at www.efsec.wa.gov.

Copies of the Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility Second Revised Application for Site Certification (June 2001), and the FEIS (February 2001), are also available for public inspection at the following locations:

Washington State Library Joel M. Pritchard Library, Capitol Campus 16th and Water Streets Olympia, WA 98504-2460

Whatcom County Library System Bellingham Branch 5205 Northwest Road Bellingham WA 98226-9092 Whatcom County Library System Sumas Branch 451 – Second Street Sumas, WA 98295

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